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PREVIOUSLY

YOU'RE RIGHT. MY WORK HERE IS DONE, AND THE SOL EMERALDS MUST BE RETURNED. I'LL SEE EVERYONE ELSE HOME FIRST, THOUGH.

I'M STAYING. I'VE GOT A NAGGING FEELING THE FUTURE I ESCAPED FROM MIGHT STILL HAPPEN.

I DON'T THINK THE REAL THREAT HAS PASSED YET.

IT'S NOT LIKE THE CHAOS EMERALDS. THEIR POWER IS *CHAOTIC*, AND CAN CHANGE GIVEN THE SITUATION OR THEIR USAGE.

NO, THE WARP TOPAZ CAN WARP SPACE TO CREATE GATEWAYS TO OTHER PLACES, PROVIDED IT HAS A POWER SOURCE.

IT *WORKED!* THE INFECTION TRANSFERRED IMMEDIATELY!

MMM... BUT THE RATE THAT IT'S SPREADING IS CONSIDERABLY SLOWER...

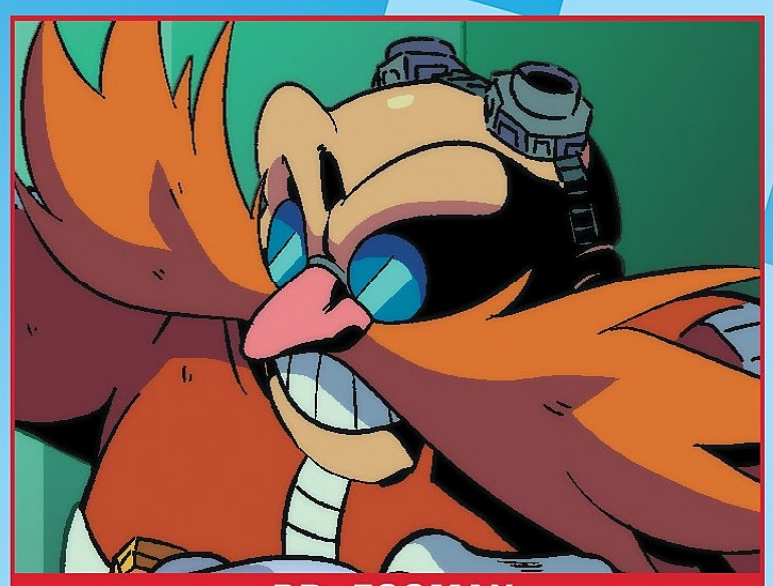
SURELY YOU JEST? OUR DATA SAMPLE IS MINISCULE.

THE METAL VIRUS *WORKS*, STARLINE. IT'S TIME TO MOVE TO THE *NEXT PHASE* OF MY MASTER PLAN!

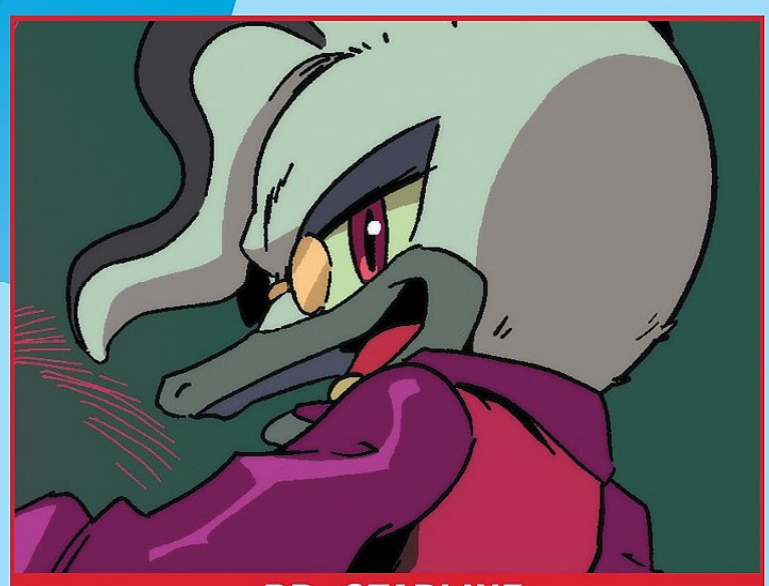
ROLL CALL

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.

SILVER THE HEDGEHOG
Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.



DR. EGGMAN
Mad Genius Restored.
Eggman Empire.



DR. STARLINE
Aspiring Villain.
Eggman Empire.

METAL SONIC
Most Loyal Minion.
Eggman Empire.

FROZEN PEAK.

YOU'RE SURE THIS IS THE WAY?

THIS IS WHERE THE GUY TOLD ME TO GO.

I MEAN, I KNOW THIS SEEMS SKETCHY.

RANDOM GUY APPEARS, TELLS ME ABOUT AN EGGMAN BASE, AND THEN VANISHES, BUT...

NAH, IT'S COOL. IT MATCHES UP WITH WHAT TAILS EXPERIENCED THE OTHER DAY.

AND RIGHT NOW WE NEED ANY LEAD WE CAN GET.

YO! LOOK UP AHEAD!

LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE CLEARING OUT THE BASE...

...AND IT LOOKS LIKE MY LEAD WAS RIGHT.

UH-HUH. SO WHEN DOES THIS BLOW UP IN OUR FACES?

SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE TRYING TO GET RID OF EVIDENCE. LET'S HIT 'EM FAST BEFORE THEY—

WHOOSH

OH. HEY, METAL. LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE FULLY REPAIRED, HUH?

AAAAAAYIIEEEEEE

SO WHO FIXED YOU UP? TINKER? OR EGGMAN?

OH. RIGHT. YOU CAN'T TALK AS PLAIN OLD VANILLA METAL SONIC.

WAS THAT THE REAL REASON YOU WENT BACK TO BEING NEO METAL SONIC?

SO YOU COULD DO MORE THAN "BEEP-BOOP"? BECAUSE THIS IS A MAJOR DOWNGRADE.

I MEAN, IF THE DOC DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GETTING DISTRACTED BY BATTLE BANTER...

...IT DIDN'T REALLY WORK.

NICE CATCH, SILVER. YOU OKAY?

I'LL HOLD METAL, YOU GO INTO THE BASE AND—

VOIP

GENTLEMEN.

WHAT THE... *THAT'S* THE GUY! THAT'S MY INFORMANT!

LOOKS LIKE HE'S CONTROLLING THAT WORMHOLE.

THE SAME KIND THAT GRABBED ROUGH AND TUMBLE.*

*LAST ISSUE.

ALL RIGHT! I'VE GOT A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS, AND I'M WILLING TO BET *YOU'RE* THE ANSWER TO A LOT OF THEM!

VERY ASTUTE. I AM *DOCTOR STARLINE*, AND I AM INDEED THE ONE BEHIND YOUR PRESENT CONCERNS.

AND WHY IS THAT?

I WANTED TO MEET YOU—*EXPERIENCE* YOU—FOR MYSELF.

THE BLUE BLUR! HERO ACROSS TIME AND SPACE! THE ONLY BEING ALIVE TO BE ABLE TO STAND UP TO THE OVERWHELMING MIGHT AND BRILLIANCE OF DR. EGGMAN THROUGH SHEER SKILL ALONE!

CAN I MEASURE UP? CAN I COMPLETE MY OBJECTIVE WITH YOU IN MY WAY? EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS ENCOUNTER HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO BE THE ULTIMATE TEST OF OUR ABILITIES AND WILLPOWER!

HE DID NOT SOUND THIS CREEPY OR CRAZY WHEN I TALKED TO HIM!

AT LEAST YOU'RE GIVING ME STRAIGHT ANSWERS. I'LL ASSUME YOU BUSTED ROUGH AND TUMBLE OUT OF JAIL WITH YOUR SKY-HOLES.

SO TELL ME THIS: WHAT DID YOU DO WITH MR. TINKER?

THAT PALE SHADOW OF THE DOCTOR NO LONGER EXISTS. I'VE SEEN TO IT—

"—THAT *DR. EGGMAN* HAS BEEN RESTORED!"

HMM... THE METAL VIRUS'S PROGRESSION IS STEADY, BUT *SLOW*.

EGGMAN'S SECRET LAB.

A SELF-RECRUITING ARMY IS A NICE IDEA, BUT IT WON'T SPREAD FAR AT THIS RATE.

TOTAL SATURATION WORKS FINE, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN SOAK THE WHOLE PLANET IN MY METAL VIRUS.

I WONDER IF REPEATED EXPOSURE WOULD ACCELERATE THINGS...?

BOOP!

MWA-HA-HA-HA!

BOOP!

BOOP!

BOOP!

EUREKA! THE GREATER THE EXPOSURE, THE MORE RAPID THE EFFECT!

A MOB OF MY INFECTED MINIONS WILL BE ABLE TO CONVERT NEW VICTIMS IN NO TIME!

ALL I NEED TO DO IS ADMINISTER THE METAL VIRUS IN A FEW LOCATIONS, AND THE REST WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF!

WHICH MEANS EVERYTHING FITS NEATLY INTO PHASE TWO OF MY BRILLIANT—!

EGGMAN! WE'RE TIRED OF WAITING!

...AH, YES. YOU'RE STILL HERE.

THE DEAL WAS WE HELPED GET YOU BACK AND YOU HELP US WASTE SONIC!

YOUR LAST SET OF WEAPONS WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH. WE WANT WHAT YOU OWE US, AND WE WANT IT *NOW*.

YOU'RE IN LUCK! MY LATEST WEAPON JUST GOT OUT OF BETA!

DIFFICULT TO GET TRACTION IN THE DEEP SNOW, ISN'T IT?

HARD TO BUILD UP YOUR TRADEMARK SPEED?

IF ONLY YOU HAD A TURBINE INSTEAD OF LEGS.

SONIC! MOVE! I'LL GET HIM!

HE'S TOO FAST FOR YOU TO FOCUS ON!

THEN I WON'T GRAB *HIM!*

ZRRRRRUMBLE

HAHA! NICE!

THAT WAS A HIGH-QUALITY PIECE OF EGGMAN TECHNOLOGY!

AND IT COMES WITH A COMPLIMENTARY HIGH-QUALITY BUTT-KICKING!

VOIP

VOIP

SPLAT

OH, NO!

SNAP

WELCOME BACK. WE'RE ALMOST DONE HERE.

GOTCHA!

YOU'RE WELCOME. BUT... WHERE ARE WE NOW?

GOING BY THE SLOPE OF THE PEAK, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN.

HE MUST'VE SCOUTED OUT THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN BEFOREHAND...

GRAB ON. I'LL GET US BACK THERE.

WOULDN'T IT BE FASTER IF I FLEW US OVER?

=WHEW= THANKS!

NOPE! THIS IS FASTER! *MUCH* FASTER!

IS EVERYTHING SET UP?

EXCELLENT. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE BADNIK CARAVAN SAFE. YOU GO FIRST. I'LL GIVE THEM ONE LAST SECOND TO CATCH UP.

...NO? HOW DISAPPOINTING.

WHAM

SNAP

MISS ME?

HAHA! HOW—?! YOU WERE—

MY NAME IS "SONIC." I'M MADE OF "GOES FAST." EGGMAN DETAILS. SPILL 'EM.

EVERYTHING'S BEEN SECURED IN THE VAULT!

STRAIGHT TO THE BACK WALL! ACCESS CODE 2-6-6-2!

I'VE GOT IT! YOU JUST KEEP HIM DOWN!

I WANT TO HEAR IT FROM *YOU*, FANBOY. WHERE IS EGGMAN? WHAT ARE YOU TWO PLANNING?

E-EGGMAN ISN'T HERE! HE'S PLANNING SOMETHING *BREATHTAKING!*

AND I'M PLANNING ON PLANTING EXPLOSIVES INSIDE A VAULT, THEN GIVING YOUR FRIEND THE DETONATION CODE.

SILVER! WAIT!

KA-BOOM

HEH HEH HEH.

WOO-HOO-HOO!

I DID IT!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS *THAT EASY!* HOW SPECTACULAR! I HOPE THE DOCTOR SAW THAT!

GAK!

HOW DARE YOU!

B-BUT HE'S GONE NOW! HE CAN'T GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR PLANS!

THE HEDGEHOG IS *MINE* TO DESTROY!

IT'S NOT THE JOB OF SOME *UPSTART* LIKE YOU!

I COULD CARPET BOMB HIM ANY DAY! THAT'S NOT ENOUGH—THAT'S *NOT THE POINT!* I HAVE TO *BEAT HIM!* I HAVE TO PROVE I'M *SUPERIOR!*

THERE'S A RIGHT AND A WRONG WAY TO VANQUISH YOUR LIFE-LONG NEMESIS AND YOU DID IT VERY, *VERY WRONG!*

I'M SORRY, SIR!

YOU *SHOULD* BE! DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!

I... CAN'T...?

LUCKY FOR YOU, SONIC IS TOO TENACIOUS TO DIE BECAUSE OF YOUR BARBARISM.

PLAY

WOW. WAY TO GO SILVER.

TH-THAT'S... TWO... YOU OWE ME...

SILVER!

WHAT WAS ALL THAT YOU UNLOADED ANYWAY? I HAVEN'T USED THAT BASE IN YEARS. EVERYTHING IN THERE WAS OBSOLETE JUNK.

NOT TO ME. THEY'RE TREASURED COLLECTIBLES OF YOUR LEGACY.

PFFFT, FINE.

SO HOW DID YOU LIKE YOUR FIRST TASTE OF BATTLING THAT INSUFFERABLE RODENT?

THE EXPERIENCE... HAS PUT A LOT OF THINGS INTO A NEW PERSPECTIVE, SIR.

LATER–
RESTORATION HQ.

...AND THEN THE NEXT THING I KNEW I WAS WAKING UP HERE. I GUESS SONIC BROUGHT ME BACK?

YUP. I STILL OWE YOU ONE, THOUGH.

THANK YOU FOR SAVING SONIC. NOW REST UP. LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

I'LL BE FINE. JUST A LITTLE–*URGH*– DIZZY...

NO SIGN OF THIS STARLINE GUY?

NOPE. HIS WORMHOLE-PORTAL-THINGY WAS GONE BY THE TIME WE LEFT.

THIS IS ***BAD***. EGGMAN IS BACK, HE'S GATHERING ALLIES, AND WE HAVE ***NO IDEA*** WHAT HIS PLAN IS.

THE WORLD HAS BARELY BEGUN REBUILDING AFTER HIS LAST ATTACK. IF HE WERE TO STRIKE AGAIN SO SOON, IT COULD BE ***DEVASTATING***.

WE ***CAN'T*** LET THAT HAPPEN!

YEAH, BUT WHERE DO WE START? WE BARELY BEGAN TO SEARCH ALL HIS BASES AND LABS WHEN WE WERE LOOKING FOR NEO.*

HE COULD BE IN ANY ONE OF THOSE NOW, OR IN ONES WE DIDN'T EVEN FIND.

RIGHT. SO INSTEAD OF WASTING OUR TIME LOOKING FOR WHERE HE IS...

*STH #8

...WE'LL GO WHERE WE KNOW HE ISN'T! WE'LL TAP INTO HIS NETWORK FROM ONE OF HIS OLD UNGUARDED BASES!

WE SURE WILL. LET'S GO!

REALLY? BUT I HAVE SO MUCH WORK TO DO HERE AND—

IT'S YOUR PLAN, SO YOU'VE GOT DIBS. CALL IT A "WORKING VACATION."

HEE-HEE-EEEE—ALL RIGHT!

SORRY, EGGMAN, BUT IT'S GAME OVER FOR YOU!

NEXT TIME: DANGERS IN THE DARK!

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Voip What's up, Squad? Just Warp Topaz-ing in to say hey! Hope you enjoyed this adventure, "Misdirection" by Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley!, Leonardo Ito, and Shawn Lee! This Dr. Starline guy means business, huh, even if he's just supposed to be the distraction. Good thing Sonic and Silver are so resourceful!

As a special treat, since it's been a while since we showed off your cool cosplay, we ended up with a bit of a backlog. So enjoy this special cosplay showcase!

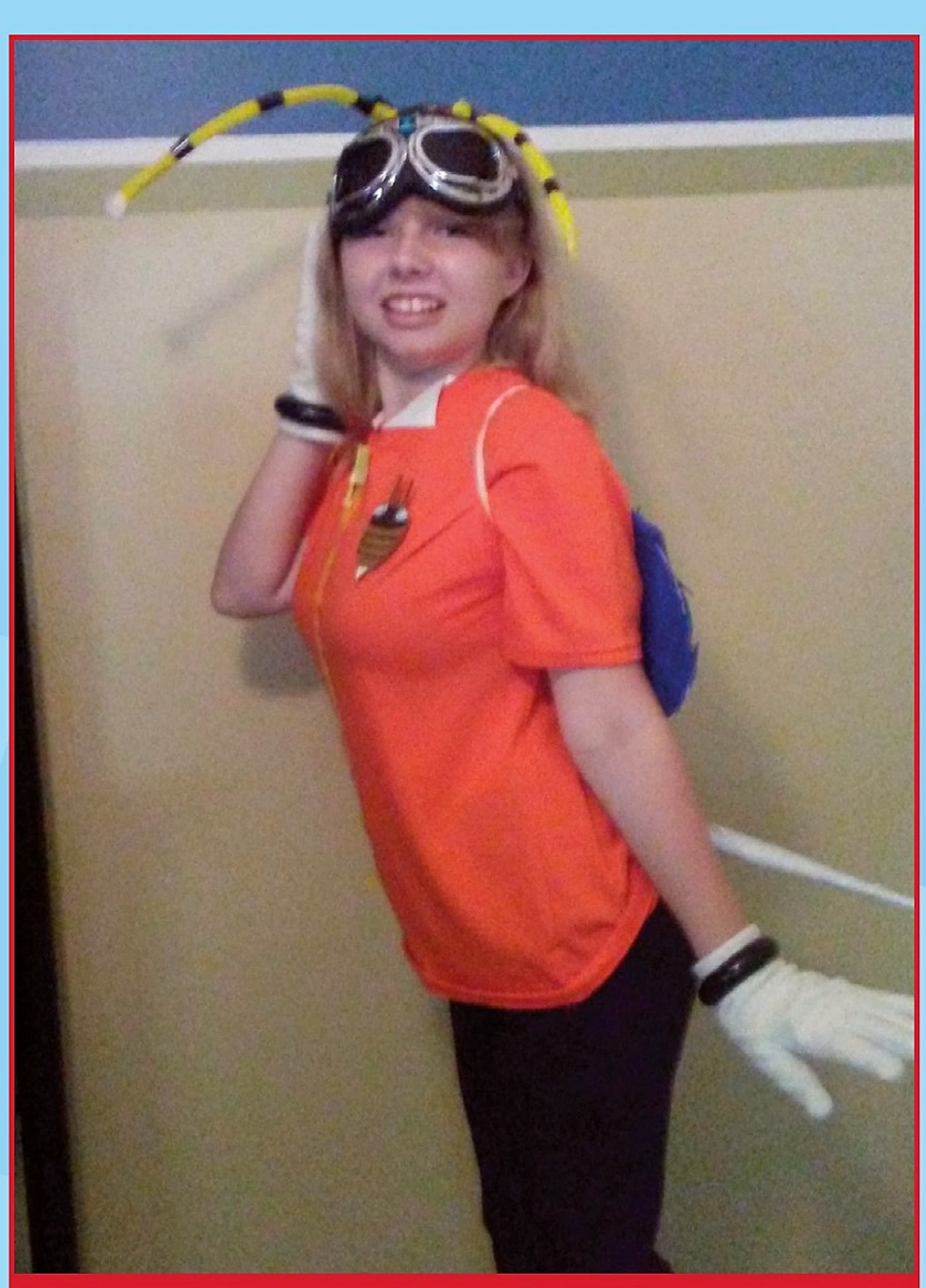
Ever since I was around the age of 3, I was introduced to Sonic. 10 years later, I made my first cosplay that is Sonic related. After reading issue 8 of the Sonic IDW comics, I fell in love with Whisper's design so I put all my hard work into working on a cosplay, and it ended up being my costume for Halloween! Someone thought Whisper's wispon was a hamburger stick and now I can never get it out of my head. Anyways, may more Whisper shenanigans be brought into the world from me!

Leslie

Cosplay by Leslie

Hi Leslie,

That is an amazing Whisper costume! Well done! The mask and the wispon look spot on! We also hadn't really thought about the hamburger-like aspects of her wispon before, but that's a very good point. MMM wispon... Very much looking forward to any cool adventures you have as Whisper in the future!



Cosplay by Olivia

Hi, I'm Olivia and this is my first cosplay! I chose to cosplay as Charmy Bee because I really like his design and I think he is usually a very underrated character (and beecause I love his energy). This was a lot of fun to do, and I would bee honored to see this in print. (Okay, I'll stop with the bee puns now).

Thank you for your work in the comics!

Hi Olivia,

We have to hive more bee puns! With Ian, Jonathan Gray, and David Mariotte on this book, they're a must! You catch more comic creators with honey than with... not using bee puns. That's a great first cosplay and an awesome take on Charmy! Great job!

G'day!

My name is Crescent. I'm a long time Sonic the Hedgehog fan and cosplayer hailing from Sydney, Australia. I'm super excited to see what new heights are in store for our blue blur and his friends in this comic. I'm especially eager to see more of Tangle since she looks like such a fun character! I'd like to cosplay as her one day. For now I'm working on my goal of cosplaying the hedgehog triple threat of Sonic, Shadow, and Silver! I'm only one hedgehog short with Silver left to do. After that I'm planning to give a certain fiery feline some love as

Cosplay by Cresent

she's one of my favourite characters. So happy she's made an appearance in the comics, and alongside Tangle no less!

Cosplay by Sofía Werner

Hi Crescent,

Well done on almost completing the hedgehog hat trick! Can't wait to see what you can do with Blaze, Tangle, or anyone else—if you're Shadow costume's any indication, it'll look sweet!

That's all for this time! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! We'll see you next issue whe Sonic and Amy race off to figure out what Eggman's up to! And don't miss the *Sonic the Hedgehog Annual 2019*, also out in March!

Cosplay by Sasha Cooper | Photo by Largé Photography

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EVILDOERS BEWARE...

...BECAUSE *SPYRO THE NINJA* IS READY FOR ACTION!

THIS TIME I'LL FINALLY PROVE MYSELF *WORTHY* OF—

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OOF!

KLONK

BONK

OW!

THAT... DID NOT GO AS *PLANNED*.

YOU CAN'T JUST *GIVE UP*, SPYRO.

I'M *NEVER* GOING TO MAKE A GOOD NINJA, STEALTH ELF, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY TO TEACH ME.

I FEEL LIKE THE *ONLY* ONE AT SKYLANDER ACADEMY WHO'S NOT LEARNING ANYTHING.

SOME STUDENTS JUST NEED MORE *TIME*. IN YOUR CASE...

...A *LOT* MORE TIME.

YOU HAVE TO HANG IN THERE, SPYRO. IT TOOK ME *YEARS* TO LEARN ALL MY NINJA SKILLS, AND I HAD SOME AMAZING TEACHERS.

STEALTH ELF!

URGENT MESSAGE JUST ARRIVED FOR YOU!

STEALTH ELF? IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?

I HAVE TO GO!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

HELLO?

ARE YOU *HERE?*

PLEASE, I GOT YOUR MESSAGE. WHERE *ARE* YOU?

I'M RIGHT HERE, STEALTH ELF. I NEEDED TO BE SURE YOU WEREN'T *FOLLOWED*.

I'M **SO** GLAD TO SEE YOU, FORESTER! IS IT *REALLY* AS BAD AS YOUR

MAYBE *WORSE*. CERTAIN DOOM IS HEADED FOR THE FOREST, AND I'M NOT SURE WE CAN *AVOID* IT!

THAT VILLAIN *DR. KRANKCASE* INTENDS TO *BULLDOZE* THE ENTIRE FOREST SO HE CAN BUILD A *FACTORY*.

WHAT?! WE'LL NEVER ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN!

YOU WERE ONE OF MY *BEST* TEACHERS, FORESTER. BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, I *KNOW* WE CAN STOP KRANKCASE.

RRRMMBL

WHAT'S THAT *NOISE?*

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